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MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICE FOR AGRICULTURAL CROPS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the various crops for which support prices were fixed during the last three years and the details of support prices;

(b) whether any gradation was fixed for purchasing agricultural produce at the support price; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI SUNDER LAL PATWA)
(a): The Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) are fixed for 24 major agricultural crops and the details of support prices fixed during the last three years are enclosed (Annexure).

(b)&(c): The MSPs are fixed for Fair Average Quality (FAQ) of the agricultural crops. However, Paddy/Rice are procured in two groups viz., Grade `A` & Common. Kernel having length & breadth ratio 2.5 and above are classified as Grade `A` and Kernel having length & breadth ratio less than 2.5 are classified as Common. In the case of Jute, the Government fixes the MSP for TD-5 Grade of raw jute and the Jute Corporation of India (JCI) fixes the MSPs for other grades based on the market price differentials of the main grade. In the case of Cotton, the Government fixes MSP for two main varieties viz., F-414/H-777/J-34 & H-4 and the MSP for other varieties are fixed on the basis of normal market differentials with the basic variety by the Cotton Corporation of India. Similarly, in the case of Tobacco, the Government fixes MSP for two grades viz., L-2 & F-2, and the MSPs for other grades are, fixed by the Tobacco Board, on the basis of normal market price differentials with the basic variety.

ANNEXURE
MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICES (According to Crop Year)

(Rs. per quintal)

S. No.	Commodity	Variety	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
1.	Paddy	Common	415	440	490
		Grade `A`	445	470	520
2.	Jowar		360	390	415
3.	Bajra				
4.	Ragi				
5.	Maize		360	390	415
6.	Wheat		510 x	550	580
7.	Barley		350	385	430
8.	Gram		815	895	1015
9.	Arhar		900	960	1105
10.	Moong		900	960	1105
11.	Urad		900	960	1105
12.	Sugarcane@		48.45	52.70	56.10
13.	Cotton	F-414/H-777	1330	1440++	1575++
		H-4	1530	1650	1775
14.	Groundnut-in-shell		980	1040	1155
15.	Jute		570	650	750
16.	Rapesed/Mustard		940	1000	1100
17.	Sunflower Seed		1000	1060	1155
18.	Soyabean	Black	670	705	755
		Yellow	750	795	845
19.	Safflower		910	990	1100
20	Toria		905	965	1065
21.	Tobacco (VFC)				

(Rs. Per kg.) Black Soil(F2 Grade)	20.50	22.50	25.00
Light Soil(L2 Grade)	23.50	25.50	27.00
22. Copra			
(Calender Year) Milling	2700	2900	3100
Ball	2925	3125	3325
23. Sesamum	950	1060	1205
24. Nigerseed	800	850	915

x Including a Central Bonus of Rs.55.00 per quintal payable from 01.04.98 to30.06.98. ++ For J-34 variety also. @ Statutory Minimum Price linked to a basic recovery of 8.5% with proportionate premium for every 0.1% increase in recovery above that level.